(b) the action taken/proposed to be taken against such unauthorised agents?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) (a) and (b). The complaints against unauthorised overseas Recruiting Agents, as and when received in the Ministry of Labour, are referred to the Police Authorities for appropriate action. During the years 1986 to 1990, 1022 complaints against the unauthorised Recruiting Agents were referred to the Police Authorities.

Impact of Subsidy Cut on Fertilizers

3616. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cut in subsidy on fertilizers has badly affected the price of fertilizers in the market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the exemption to small and marginal farmers is still continued; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof; and the alternative measures proposed to assist the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN) (a) and (b). The price of fertilizers in the market has been affected to the extent of increase in fertilizer prices by 30% on an average w.e.f. 14th August, 1991.

(c) and (d). The scheme for assisting the small and marginal farmers to buy fertilizers at pre-revised rates is continuing during 1991-92.

BHEL unit of Ramachandarpuram, Hyderabad

3617. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether one of the BHEL's major production units at Ramachandarpuram in Hyderabad is facing an uncertain future with dwindling orders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have probed the reasons for the recession of this unit; and

(d) if so, the remedial measures proposed to be undertaken by the Government is this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b): BHEL's production unit at Ramachandarpuram, Hyderabad is presently having a lean order book position for their products like thermal sets, gas turbine generator sets and oil rigs.

(c) and (d). The capacity utilisation of BHEL and its units is under constant review by the Government in order to ensure that manufacturing facilities are adequately utilised. Besides BHEL is taking the following steps to improve the situation:-

(i) Increase exports;

(ii) Make bids with consortium arrangements;

(iii) Diversification into new areas of Business with the intention of making use of existing facilities.